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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Ikemoto et al.

Art Unit: 1621

Application No. 10/086,076

Examiner: M. L. Shippen

Filed: February 28, 2002

For: PRODUCTION METHOD  
CITALOPRAM, INTERMEDIATE  
THEREFOR AND PRODUCTION  
METHOD OF THE INTERMEDIATE

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 30, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

*Summary of the Office Action*

The Office sets forth a restriction requirement between Group I (claim 1), Group II (claim 2), Group III (claim 3), Group IV (claims 4 and 5), Group V (claim 6), Group VI (claim 7), and Group VII (claim 17).

*Group Election*

Applicants elect, without traverse, claim 17 of Group VII for examination.

*Conclusion*

The application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.